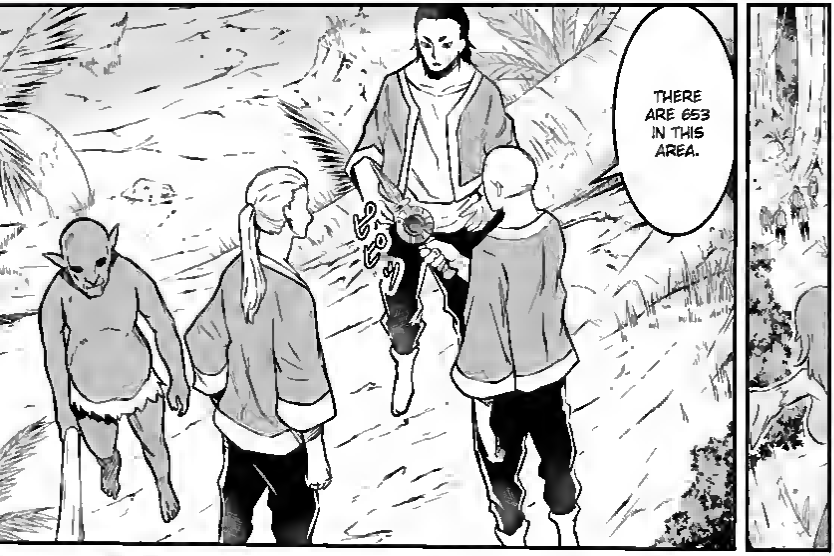
Episode 73 / Within The Huge Tree


THERE ARE 653 IN THIS AREA.
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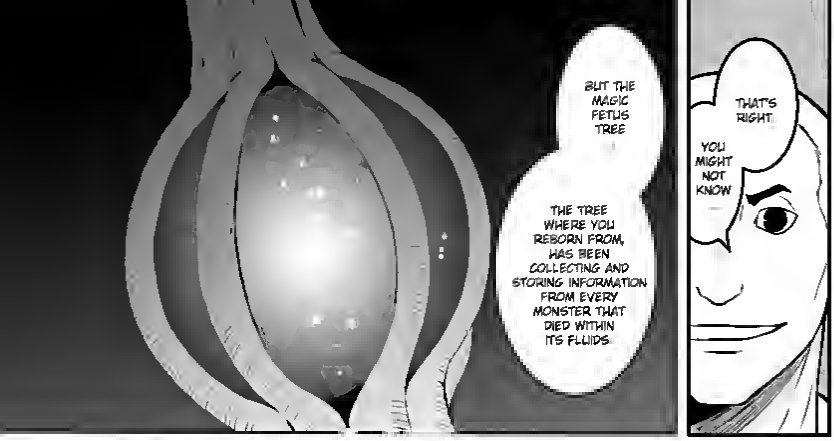
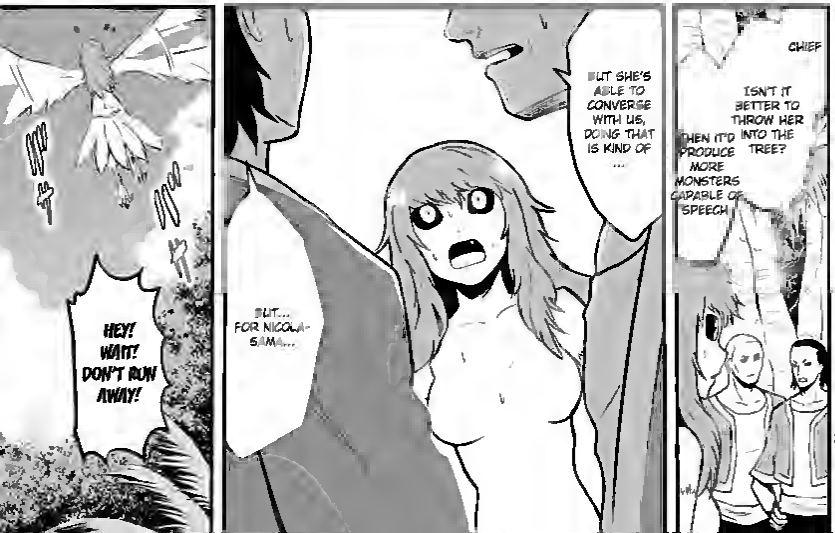
SUDDENLY MAKING US DO A HEADCOUNT
I WONDER WHAT NICOLA-SAMA IS UP TO
AT THIS RATE, IT'LL TAKE 3 MORE DAYS EVEN WITH THIS MANA DETECTOR.
NO POINT IN COMPLAINING. IT'S OUR DUTY TO HELP NICOLA-SAMA AFTER ALL.

MUHM
WHY DOESN'T THE MONSTERS ATTACK YOU?
DO I EVEN NEED TO EXPLAIN THAT?
OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE NICOLA-SAMA MADE IT SO THEY DON'T ATTACK US
H HEY...
HOW COME THIS MONSTER ...
IS SPEAKING HUMAN LANGUAGE ...!!
MUHM... UH OH
I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THAT
I SHOULD JUST TELL THEM THE TRUTH
I'M A NECROMA
I SEE!
YOU'VE FINALLY EVOLVED!
EVOLVED?


BUT THE MAGIC FETUS TREE
THE TREE WHERE YOU REBORN FROM, HAS BEEN COLLECTING AND STORING INFORMATION FROM EVERY MONSTER THAT DIED WITHIN ITS FLUIDS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

AND AMIDST THIS COUNTLESS RECYCLING OF CORPSES, IT'LL INJECT ALL THAT INFORMATION INTO THE NEXT GENERATION OF MONSTERS


HEY! WAIT! DON'T RUN AWAY!
BUT... FOR NICOLA-SAMA...
BUT SHE'S ABLE TO CONVERSE WITH US, DOING THAT IS KIND OF ...
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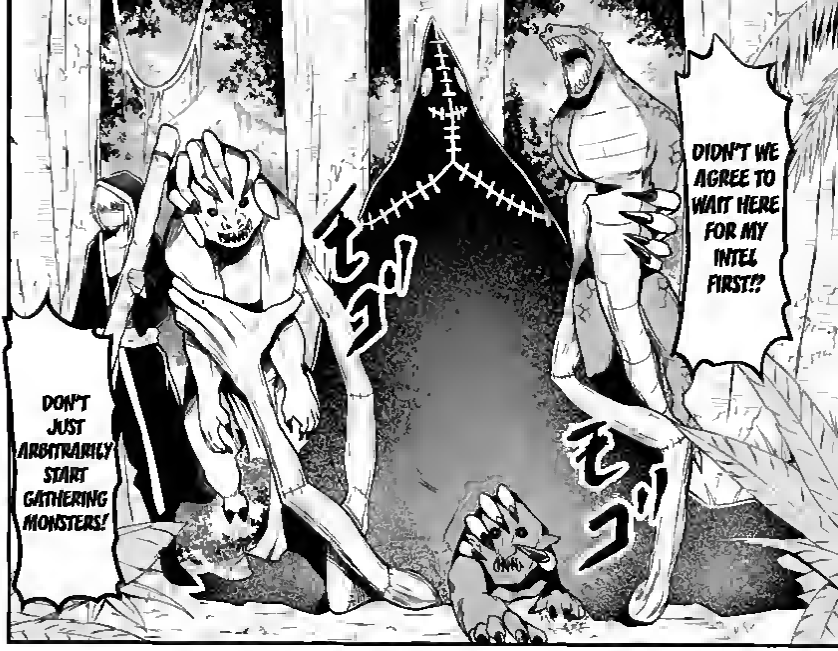
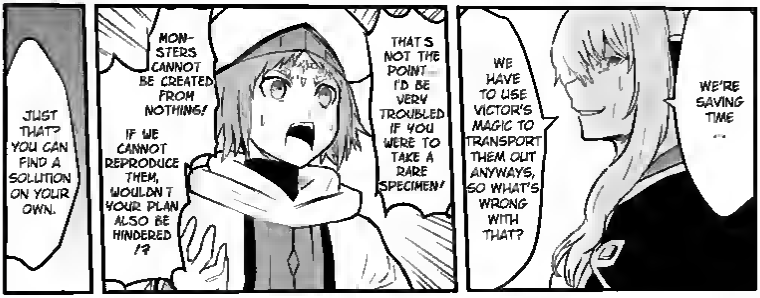
ISN'T IT BETTER TO THROW HER INTO THE TREE?
THEN IT'D PRODUCE MORE MONSTERS CAPABLE OF SPEECH

MUHM
I WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED IF I COULDN'T FLY
THAT'S CRAZY
I CAN ENTER THIS HUGE TREE ...!
IT SEEMS LIKE

ATOP THE "HUGE TREE".
HAAAAH
THE AIR IN THIS FOREST IS EXCELLENT.
REMINDS ME OF MY HOMETOWN.
HEY! DIANA! CAN YOU NOT MOVE WITHOUT TELLING ME!?
WHY?
WE FEEL AT EASE HERE, WITH THIS DENSE MANA
I'M NOT EVEN SWEATING AS MUCH, IT'S GREAT.
IS IT BAD TO WAIT HERE?
NO!
I'M TALKING ABOUT VICTOR AND KYUDEN!


DIDN'T WE AGREE TO WAIT HERE FOR MY INTEL FIRST!?
DON'T JUST ARBITRARILY START GATHERING MONSTERS!


WE'RE SAVING TIME...
WE HAVE TO USE VICTOR'S MAGIC TO TRANSPORT THEM OUT ANYWAYS, SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
THAT'S NOT THE POINT... I'D BE VERY TROUBLED IF YOU WERE TO TAKE A RARE SPECIMEN!
MONSTERS CANNOT BE CREATED FROM NOTHING! IF WE CANNOT REPRODUCE THEM, WOULDN'T YOUR PLAN ALSO BE HINDERED!?
JUST THAT? YOU CAN FIND A SOLUTION ON YOUR OWN.

IF I SAID I WANT 30 THOUSAND, THEN I WILL TAKE 30 THOUSAND.
IF THERE'S NOT ENOUGH, THEN NO MATTER HOW RARE THEY ARE, I WILL TAKE THEM...
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DAMN IT. . I CAN'T BUY ANYMORE TIME..
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE VICTOR'S PARTY RUNS INTO ANRI'S PARTY ...
SINCE IT CAME DOWN TO THIS ...
IT'S TIME TO TAKE EMER-GENCY MEASURES
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GOD DAMN IT! I CAN'T EVEN TAKE OFF A SINGLE PIECE OF CLOTHING!
BUT THIS BECAME TOO ONE-SIDED!
I APO-LOGIZE!
YUNA HAS BEEN TRAINING UNDER FIER IN CLOSE COMBAT EVER SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE... IT'D BE A MIRACLE IF I COULD ACTUALLY DEFEAT HER...
BUT TO PUT IT INTO PERSPECTIVE...
GIVE UP SO EASILY!!
HOW COULD I POSSIBLY...
NO!
THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE TO MAKE MY DREAM OF YUNA IN NAKED KNEESOCKS COME TRUE!

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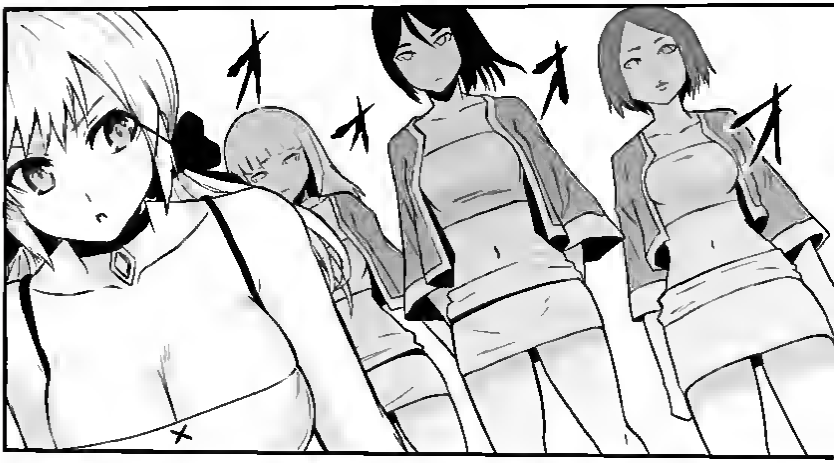
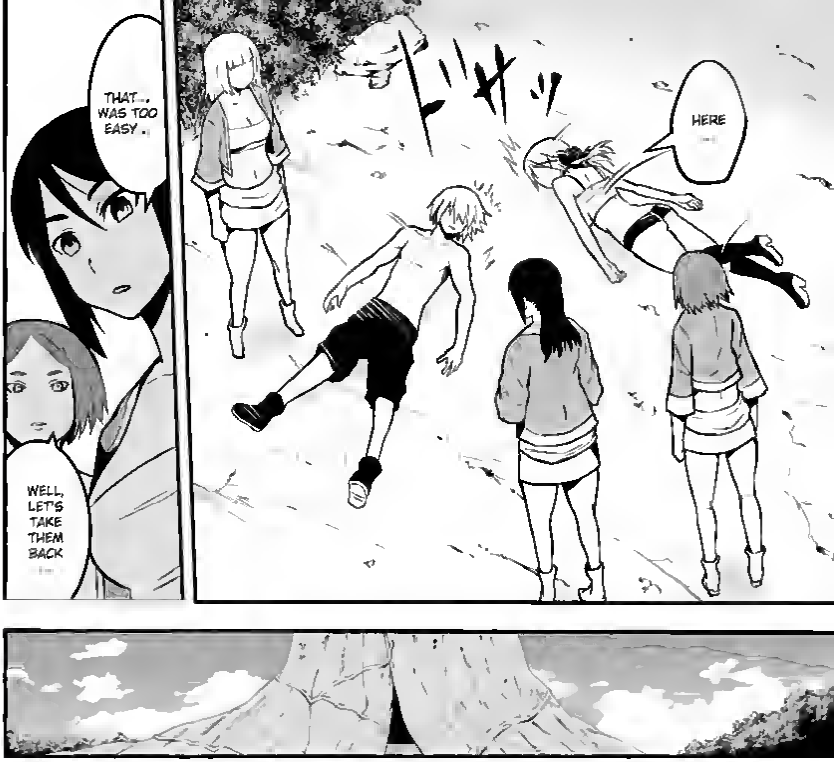
...WHAT'S WITH THAT SUDDEN MOVEMENT ...!
TCH... A MISSTEP ...!
IT'S HER CHEST!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN A MISSTEP!?
YOU BROKE THE RULES!
YOU LECHER!!
YOU PERVERT!!
WA... WAIT!
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN BOOBS ...
GYAAA AAAAH!!



IT'S THE VILL-AGERS ...
WHY ARE THEY HERE ...?
HERO-SAMA ...

LUNCH
WE'VE PREPARED LUNCH, WOULD YOU PLEASE HAVE A TASTE?
WHAT KIND OF REASONING IS THAT!?
GREETING US WITH SUCH A MARVELOUS PAIR OF THIGHS, SHE ONLY WANTED TO MAKE US HAPPY!
NICOLA-SAMA ORDERED US TO TAKE GREAT CARE OF YOU!
ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE IT, BUT WHY COME TO SUCH A DANGEROUS AREA
LOOK.
WHY ARE YOU ON GUARD?
I'M SO SORRY FOR SUSPECTING YOU WHEN YOU'VE CAME ALL THE WAY
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S DELICIOUS
...
DID YOU MAKE IT WITH YOUR VOLUPTUOUS THIGHS?
NO
YES
DELICIOUS! DID YOU MAKE IT YOURSELF?

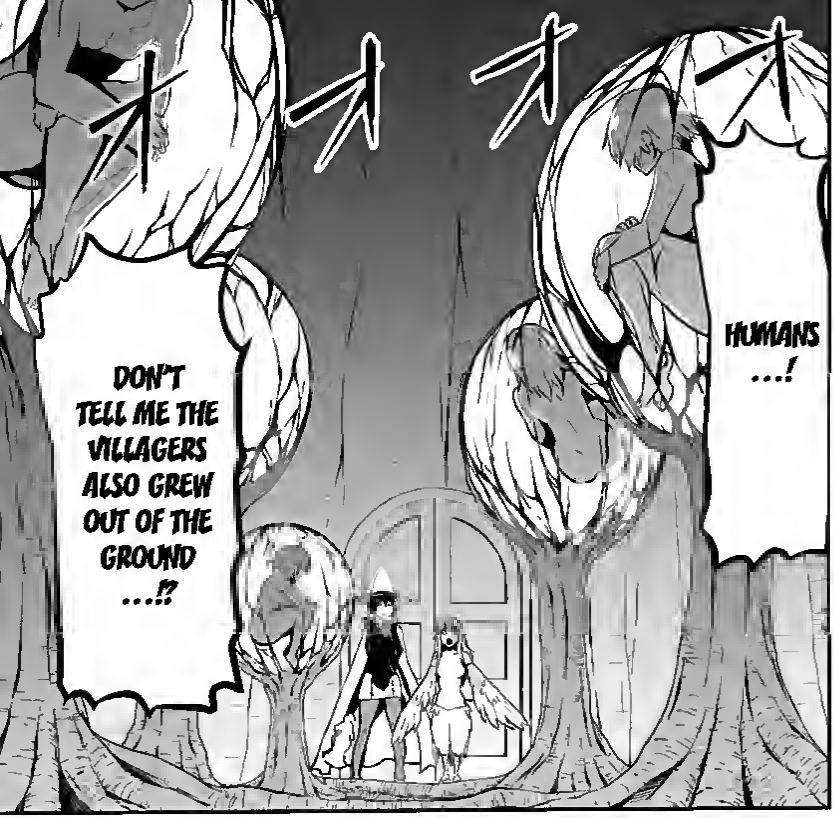

THAT.., WAS TOO EASY.
WELL, LET'S TAKE THEM BACK
HERE

MUHM
I WONDER IF NICOLA
ALSO MADE THIS PLACE...?
THAT'S ...!

I'M TOO SLEEPY, CAN'T BATTLE ...
GIVE ME 5 MORE MINUTES ...
I'LL FIGHT YOU AFTER 5 MINUTES ...
WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
DOROTHY-DONO!
ANRI ? THAT'S EVEN BETTER
I'LL GET UP AFTER 5 MINUTES ...
NO! I'M ANRI!
A MONSTER ...?

1 HOUR LATER
FUWAAAH ...
I CAME HERE ON THE RAIL CART TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE NECRO-MANCERS
ALSO NICOLA IS ALSO HERE
NICOLA-DONO IS WITH THE NECRO MANCERS!?
I HAVE TO TELL TOUKA-DONO...!

HEY... THAT'S ENOUGH... WE DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO COME IN HERE.
THAT HARPY RAN ALL THE WAY HERE, HUH...
OH NO... LET'S HIDE!
I'D LIKE TO KEEP THIS BODY IF POSSIBLE.
I CAN'T LET THEM CATCH ME.
ANRI... BEHIND...
!?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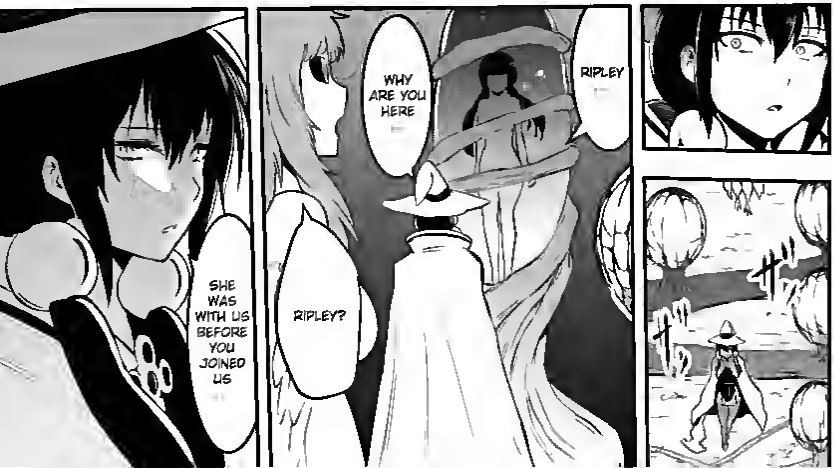
HUMANS ...!
DON'T TELL ME THE VILLAGERS ALSO GREW OUT OF THE GROUND ...!?


RIPLEY
WHY ARE YOU HERE
RIPLEY?
SHE WAS WITH US BEFORE YOU JOINED US

RIPLEY WAS NICOLA'S ONLY CLOSE FRIEND...
SHE WAS KILLED BY THE FOUR DUKES 3 YEARS AGO ...

Nurse

ALTHOUGH I WON'T COMMENT ON YOUR MAGIC, BUT YOUR MELEE SKILLS DEFINITELY DESERVES TO BE COMMENDED.
I'LL DO MY BEST TO TRAIN YOU INTO A RELIABLE VANGUARD.
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PLEASE DON'T DO THAT KIND OF THING
NEIGAN-SAN HERE IS VERY BAD WITH THE LADIES. BY JUST GETTING CLOSE TO HIM, HE'LL BECOME LIKE THIS.
THEN I'LL HELP HIM OVERCOME THIS...!
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MANY DAYS LATER
NEI-GAN-SAN!!
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OH NO... I NEVER THOUGHT IT'D TURN OUT LIKE THIS
QUICKLY! WE GOTTA GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL!
HOSPITAL
OH NO!
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING!?
NEIGAN-SAN! HANG IN THERE!